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**FEBRUARY 2014 POLITICAL SURVEY**

**FINAL TOPLINE**

**February 14-23, 2014**

**N=1,821**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.1 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **[IF DK ENTER AS DK. IF DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH:** Overall do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President? **IF STILL DEPENDS ENTER AS DK]**

Dis- **(VOL.)**

Approve Approve DK/Ref

Feb 14-23, 2014 44 48 8

Jan 15-19, 2014 (U) 43 49 8

Dec 3-8, 2013 (U) 45 49 6

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 41 53 6

Oct 9-13, 2013 43 51 6

Sep 4-8, 2013 (U) 44 49 8

Jul 17-21, 2013 46 46 7

Jun 12-16, 2013 49 43 7

May 1-5, 2013 51 43 6

Mar 13-17, 2013 47 46 8

Feb 13-18, 2013 (U) 51 41 7

Jan 9-13, 2013 52 40 7

Dec 5-9, 2012 55 39 6

Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 50 43 7

Jun 7-17, 2012 47 45 8

May 9-Jun 3, 2012 46 42 11

Apr 4-15, 2012 46 45 9

Mar 7-11, 2012 50 41 9

Feb 8-12, 2012 47 43 10

Jan 11-16, 2012 44 48 8

Dec 7-11, 2011 46 43 11

Nov 9-14, 2011 46 46 8

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 43 48 9

Aug 17-21, 2011 43 49 7

Jul 20-24, 2011 44 48 8

Jun 15-19, 2011 46 45 8

May 25-30, 2011 52 39 10

May 5-8, 2011 50 39 11

May 2, 2011 (WP) 56 38 6

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Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 47 45 8

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 51 39 10

Feb 2-7, 2011 49 42 9

Jan 5-9, 2011 46 44 10

Dec 1-5, 2010 45 43 13

Nov 4-7, 2010 44 44 12

Oct 13-18, 2010 46 45 9

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 47 44 9

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 47 41 12

Jun 8-28, 2010 48 41 11

Jun 16-20, 2010 48 43 9

May 6-9, 2010 47 42 11

Apr 21-26, 2010 47 42 11

Apr 8-11, 2010 48 43 9

Mar 10-14, 2010 46 43 12

Feb 3-9, 2010 49 39 12

Jan 6-10, 2010 49 42 10

Dec 9-13, 2009 49 40 11

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009 51 36 13

Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009 52 36 12

Sep 10-15, 2009 55 33 13

Aug 20-27, 2009 52 37 12

Aug 11-17, 2009 51 37 11

Jul 22-26, 2009 54 34 12

Jun 10-14, 2009 61 30 9

Apr 14-21, 2009 63 26 11

Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009 61 26 13

Mar 9-12, 2009 59 26 15

Feb 4-8, 2009 64 17 19

**See past presidents’ approval trends:**

[George W. Bush](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/483.pdf), [Bill Clinton](http://www.people-press.org/files/legacy-questionnaires/18.pdf)

**NO QUESTIONS 2-3**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Does Barack Obamamake you feel **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or not? Does Obama make you feel **[NEXT ITEM]** or not?

**(VOL.)**

Yes No DK/Ref

a. Disappointed

Feb 14-23, 2014 51 46 3

Sep 12-16, 2012 (*RVs*) 49 50 1

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 53 45 2

Mar 10-14, 2010 44 53 3

b. Optimistic

Feb 14-23, 2014 38 57 5

**Q.4 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)**

Yes No DK/Ref

c. Proud

Feb 14-23, 2014 42 54 4

Nov 8-11, 2012 (*Voters*) 53 45 2

Sep 12-16, 2012 (*RVs*) 51 45 3

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 45 52 4

Mar 10-14, 2010 49 47 5

November, 2008 *(Voters)* 65 32 3

March, 2008[[1]](#footnote-1) *(RVs)* 42 53 5

d. Angry

Feb 14-23, 2014 27 70 3

Nov 8-11, 2012 (*Voters*) 21 78 1

Sep 12-16, 2012 (RVs) 31 68 1

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 29 70 1

Mar 10-14, 2010 30 68 2

November, 2008 (*Voters*) 9 91 \*

March, 2008 *(RVs)* 26 71 3

**NO QUESTIONS 5-9**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.10 Please tell me if you think each of the following trends is generally a good thing for American society, a bad thing for American society, or doesn’t make much difference? (First/Next) **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE] [READ IF NECESSARY**: Is this generally a good thing for American society, a bad thing for American society, or doesn’t it make much difference?**]**

Good thing Bad thing Doesn’t make **(VOL.)**

for society for society much difference DK/Ref

a. More children being raised by a single parent

Feb 14-23, 2014 6 61 31 2

b. More gay and lesbian couples raising children

Feb 14-23, 2014 25 33 38 4

April, 2013 (RPL) 21 35 41 3

Mar 8-14, 2011 14 35 48 3

October, 2010 (SDT)[[2]](#footnote-2) 12 43 41 4

January, 2010 (SDT) 13 42 40 4

February, 2007 (SDT) 11 50 34 5

c. More people of different races marrying each other

Feb 14-23, 2014 37 9 51 2

April, 2013 (RPL) 37 10 51 2

Mar 8-14, 2011 25 9 64 2

October, 2010 (SDT) 25 14 60 2

January, 2010 (SDT) 24 13 61 3

d. More young adults living with their parents

Feb 14-23, 2014 20 42 36 2

e. More people continuing to work beyond age 65

Feb 14-23, 2014 30 39 29 3

f. More people who are not religious

Feb 14-23, 2014 11 45 42 3

April, 2013 (RPL) 11 48 39 3

**NO QUESTIONS 11-14**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.15 Thinking about how the federal government spends its money, which do you think should be the higher priority … **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

(SDT)

Feb 14-23 Nov

2014 2012

40 Programs that benefit older adults [OR] 47

37 Programs that benefit younger adults 27

16 Both are equally important **(VOL.)** 17

7 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 8

**ASK ONLY IF AGE 34 OR OLDER [N=1,192]:**

Q.16 Thinking about the young adults you know today, do you think they face MORE economic challenges, FEWER economic challenges or about the same number of economic challenges you faced when you were first starting out? [**INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT ASKS WHAT AGE “YOUNG ADULTS” ARE, IT’S OKAY TO SAY** “Adults in their twenties or early thirties.”]

Feb 14-23

2014

70 More challenges

7 Fewer challenges

21 About the same

1 Different challenges **(VOL.)**

2 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ONLY IF AGE 33 OR YOUNGER [N=617]:**

Q.17 Thinking about people you know who are about your age, do you think they face MORE economic challenges, FEWER economic challenges or about the same number of economic challenges as your parents’ generation faced when they were first starting out?

Feb 14-23

2014

71 More challenges

12 Fewer challenges

15 About the same

1 Different challenges **(VOL.)**

2 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.18 Next, is your overall opinion of **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable? How about **[NEXT NAME]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** Just in general, is your overall opinion of **[NAME]** very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly UNfavorable, or very unfavorable?**] [INTERVIEWERS: PROBE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN “NEVER HEARD OF” AND “CAN’T RATE.”]**

**(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

-------Favorable------- ------Unfavorable------ Never Can’t

Total *Very* *Mostly* Total *Very* *Mostly* heard of rate/Ref

a. Pope Francis

Feb 14-23, 2014 66 *30 36* 11 *4 7* 7 16

Sep 4-8, 2013 58 *21 37* 12 *4 7* 10 20

Mar 28-31, 2013 57 *22 35* 14 *6 9* 6 22

Feb 14-17, 2013 **(Benedict XVI)** 49 *14 34* 27 *12 16* 4 20

April, 2008 **(Benedict XVI)** 61 *22 39* 17 *8 9* 4 18

March, 2008 **(Benedict XVI)** 52 *18 34* 18 *6 12* 7 23

August, 2007 **(Benedict XVI)** 50 *14 36* 18 *6 12* 8 24

July, 2005 **(Benedict XVI)** 44 *10 34* 11 *4 7* 4 41

June, 1996 **(John Paul II)** 76 *28 48* 13 *4 9* 1 10

May, 1990 **(John Paul II)** 79 *31 48* 11 *4 7* 1 9

**Q.18 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

-------Favorable------- ------Unfavorable------ Never Can’t

Total *Very* *Mostly* Total *Very* *Mostly* heard of rate/Ref

May, 1987 **(John Paul II)** 76 *28 48* 14 *4 10* 1 9

b. Janet Yellen, chair of the Federal Reserve

Feb 14-23, 2014 33 *7 26* 20 *8 12* 25 22

Sep 4-8, 2013 **(Ben Bernanke)** 38 *6 31* 31 *10 20* 17 14

March, 2008 **(Ben Bernanke)** 24 *4 20* 20 *7 13* 31 25

c. Mark Zuckerberg

Feb 14-23, 2014 34 *6 28* 19 *6 13* 29 19

**NO QUESTIONS 19-22**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 How important is it to you that the president and Congress pass significant new immigration legislation this year – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

(U)

Feb 14-23 Jun 12-16

2014 2013

21 Extremely important 21

29 Very important 29

26 Somewhat important 29

9 Not too important 10

12 Not important at all 9

4 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 2

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*How important is the issue of illegal immigration to you…*

*Gallup/USA Today*

Jul 2007

35 Extremely important

27 Very important

26 Somewhat important

7 Not too important

4 Not important at all

\* Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Next, I have some questions about immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally. We will use the term “undocumented immigrants” to refer to people in this situation.

**ASK ALL:**

Q.24 Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.? **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

**ASK IF ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE COUNTRY (Q.24=2):**

Q.25 And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Feb Jun May Mar

14-23 12-16 1-5 13-17

2014 2013 2013[[3]](#footnote-3) 2013

24 They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally 27 25 27

There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements

73 to stay in the country legally 71 73 71

46 Be able to apply for U.S. citizenship -- 44 43

24 Be able to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship -- 25 24

3 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.) --**  4 4

3 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 232

**NO QUESTIONS 26-29**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.30 As you may know, the number of undocumented immigrants deported from the U.S. has increased in the last few years. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

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2014

45 Good thing

45 Bad thing

9 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 31-35**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=900]:**

Next, I have some questions about drug policy.

Q.36F1 How would you describe the problem of drug abuse across the country?Would you say it is a **[READ IN ORDER]**?

*Gallup/CNN/USA Today*

Feb 14-23 Feb Sep Sep

2014 2001[[4]](#footnote-4) 1999[[5]](#footnote-5) 1995

32 Crisis 27 30 31

55 A serious problem 63 60 63

11 A minor problem, or 7 8 5

2 Not a problem 1 1 \*

1 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 2 2 1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=921]:**

Next, I have some questions about drug policy.

Q.37F2 How would you describe the problem of drug abuse in your neighborhood, including the local schools? Would you say it is a **[READ IN ORDER]**?

*Gallup/CNN/USA Today*

Feb 14-23 Feb Sep Sep

2014 2001 1999 1995

12 Crisis 9 9 10

38 A serious problem 37 38 44

33 A minor problem, or 37 38 37

14 Not a problem 10 12 6

3 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)** 7 4 3

**ASK ALL:**

Q.38 In dealing with drug policy, should government focus more on **[RANDOMIZE:** prosecuting/providing treatment for**]** people who use illegal drugs such as heroin and cocaine, or do you think it should focus more on **[RANDOMIZE:** prosecuting/providing treatment for**]** people who use these types of drugs?

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2014

26 Prosecuting those who use illegal drugs

67 Providing treatment for those who use illegal drugs

7 Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.39 Some states have moved AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

Feb 14-23 Feb

2014 2001[[6]](#footnote-6)

63 Good thing 47

32 Bad thing 45

5 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)** 8

**NO QUESTIONS 40-44**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.45 Next, I'm going to read you some words and phrases and ask you to rate how well each describes you. Please use a scale from 1 to 10, where "10" represents a description that is PERFECT for you, and "1" represents a description that is TOTALLY WRONG for you. (First,) on this scale of 1 to 10, how well does...**[READ ITEM; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]** describe you? **[OPEN END ENTER NUMBER 1-10] [INTERVIEWER, IF RESPONDENT STRUGGLES WITH PRECISE NUMBER YOU CAN SAY:** “you can just give me a number close to what you think”**]** **[IF NECESSARY: RE-READ SCALE DESCRIPTION:** "10 represents a description that is PERFECT for you, and "1" represents a description that is TOTALLY WRONG for you. You can choose any number between 1 and 10.**]**

Description Description

totally wrong perfect **(VOL.)**

**1-3 4-7 8-10** DK/Ref

a. A religious person

Feb 14-23, 2014 16 34 49 1

September, 1999 12 33 55 \*

March, 1994 14 34 51 1

April, 1987 11 39 49 1

b. An environmentalist

Feb 14-23, 2014 10 48 39 3

**Q.45 CONTINUED…**

Description Description

totally wrong perfect **(VOL.)**

**1-3 4-7 8-10** DK/Ref

September, 1999 12 44 43 1

March, 1994 13 41 43 3

May, 1990 9 43 42 6

April, 1987 9 49 39 3

**NO ITEM c.**

d. A supporter of gay rights

Feb 14-23, 2014 27 32 39 2

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

September, 1999[[7]](#footnote-7) 50 31 17 2

March, 1994 56 26 15 3

April, 1987 66 22 9 3

e. A patriotic person

Feb 14-23, 2014 5 29 65 2

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

September, 1999[[8]](#footnote-8) 8 30 59 3

**ASK ALL:**

On a different subject…

Q.46 Which comes closer to your view about the use of marijuana by adults? **[READ IN REVERSE ORDER FOR ½ SAMPLE]**

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2014

39 It should be legal for personal use

44 It should be legal only for medicinal use [OR]

16 It should not be legal

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.47If marijuana use is not legalized, do you think people convicted of possessing small amounts

of marijuana should serve time in jail, or not?

Feb 14-23

2014

22 Yes

76 No

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.48In your view, would legalizing marijuana lead to more underage people trying it, or not?

Feb 14-23

2014

54 Yes

44 No

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTIONS 49-51**

**RANDOMIZE Q.52 AND Q.53**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.52 Which do you think is more harmful to a person’s health **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**?

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2014

69 Alcohol [OR]

15 Marijuana

14 Both are/Neither is **(VOL.)**

3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**RANDOMIZE Q.52 AND Q.53**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.53 If marijuana were as widely available as alcohol, which do you think would be more harmful to society **[RANDOMIZE:** alcohol or marijuana**]**?

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2014

63 Alcohol [OR]

23 Marijuana

11 Both are/Neither is **(VOL.)**

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**NO QUESTION 54**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.55 Regardless of your opinion about marijuana, do you think that the sale and use of marijuana eventually will be legal nationwide, or not?

Feb 14-23

2014

75 Yes, it will

22 No, it will not

2 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.56 If marijuana were legal, would it bother you if **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** or would this not bother you? What about if **[NEXT ITEM] –** would this bother you or not? **[IF NECESSARY:** If marijuana were legal**]**

Yes, would No, would **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

bother you not bother you Depends DK/Ref

a. A store or business selling marijuana

opened up in your neighborhood

Feb 14-23, 2014 41 57 1 1

**NO ITEM b.**

c. People used marijuana in public

Feb 14-23, 2014 63 34 3 1

d. People used marijuana in their own

homes

Feb 14-23, 2014 15 83 1 1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.57 Keeping in mind that all of your answers in the survey are confidential, have you, yourself, ever happened to try marijuana?

**(VOL.)**

Yes No DK/Ref

Feb 14-23, 2014 47 52 1

Mar 13-17, 2013 48 51 1

Mar 10-14, 2010 40 58 2

June, 2003 38 61 1

February, 2001 38 60 2

*Gallup:* September, 1999 34 66 \*

*Gallup:* May, 1985 33 67 0

*Gallup:* April, 1977 24 76 0

*Gallup:* January 1973 12 88 \*

*Gallup:* March, 1972 11 89 0

*Gallup:* October, 1969 4 94 2

**ASK IF EVER TRIED MARIJUANA (Q.57=1) [N=847]:**

Q.58 Have you used marijuana in the past year, or not?

Yes, used in No, not in **(VOL.)**

past year past year DK/Ref

Feb 14-23, 2014 23 77 \*

Mar 13-17, 2013 25 75 \*

**NO QUESTION 59**

**ASK ALL:**

Next,

Q.60 Do you think it is generally okay or not okay for people to use their cell phones to send or receive messages or go on the internet in the following situations? **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE]** is it generally okay or not okay? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[IF NECESSARY:** is it generally okay or not okay for people to use their cell phones to send or receive messages or go on the internet in this situation.**]**

**(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

Okay Not okay Depends DK/Ref

a. At a family dinner

Feb 14-23, 2014 25 72 2 1

b. During a business meeting

Feb 14-23, 2014 14 81 4 1

c. During a class or lecture

Feb 14-23, 2014 15 82 2 1

d. At church or worship service

Feb 14-23, 2014 9 89 1 1

**ASK ALL:**

Q.61 Do you feel that people generally share too much information about themselves on the internet, or not?

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2014

89 Yes

8 No

3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.62 Do you happen to know what a selfie is? **[OPEN END]** **IF YES, BUT DOESN’T GIVE ANSWER, ASK:** What is it?

**IF Q62=1 (KNOWS WHAT SELFIE IS), ASK:**

Q.63 Have you ever shared a selfie on a photo sharing or social networking site such as Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat, or haven’t you done this?

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2014

64 Yes, selfie is when someone takes a picture of themselves

26 Yes, have shared a selfie on SNS

37 No, have not shared a selfie on SNS

1 Undesignated[[9]](#footnote-9)

\* Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

36 No/Some other answer/Don't know/Refused

**NO QUESTIONS 64-70**

**READ ALL:** Next,

**IF UNDER AGE 65, ASK [N=1,431]:**

Q.71 Thinking about the Social Security system when you are ready to retire – Do you think there will be enough money to provide benefits at CURRENT levels, enough money to provide benefits but at REDUCED levels, or not enough money to provide ANY benefits?

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14 Enough money to provide benefits at current levels

39 Enough money to provide benefits, but at reduced levels, or

43 Not enough money to provide any benefits

4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

**Q.72 Which of these two statements do you think is more accurate? [READ; RANDOMIZE ITEMS 1 AND 2]**

Feb 14-23 *Wash Post*

2014 Feb 3-6, 2005

**Social Security payroll taxes collected from workers today are used**

**60 to pay benefits for current retirees [OR] 73**

**Social Security payroll taxes paid by workers today are put into an**

**32 account to pay for their OWN Social Security benefits when they retire 23**

1 Neither **(VOL.)** 1

**7 Don't know/Refused (VOL.) 3**

**ASK IF EMPLOYED FULL OR PART TIME (E3=1,2):**

Q.73 Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

**ASK IF NO [Q.73=2]:**

Q.74 Do you think you will be able to earn enough money in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART TIME [N=1,144]:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No  (NET) | *Yes, will in future* | *No, will not in future* | ***(VOL.)***  *DK/Ref* | **(VOL.)**  DK/Ref |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 42 | 57 | *31* | *25* | *1* | \* |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 48 | 51 | *31* | *17* | *3* | 1 |
| Dec, 2011 (SDT) | 46 | 53 | *35* | *16* | *2* | 1 |
| Jan, 2010(SDT) | 45 | 55 | *37* | *16* | *2* | 1 |
| September, 2007 | 46 | 53 | *31* | *19* | *3* | 1 |
| November, 2006 (SDT) | 46 | 53 | *32* | *18* | *3* | 1 |

**Q.73/74 CONTINUED…**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No  (NET) | *Yes, will in future* | *No, will not in future* | ***(VOL.)***  *DK/Ref* | **(VOL.)**  DK/Ref |
| September, 2006 | 49 | 50 | *33* | *15* | *2* | 1 |
| January, 2006 | 46 | 53 | 28 | 23 | 2 | 1 |
| May, 2005 | 40 | 59 | 35 | 22 | 2 | 1 |
| May, 2004 | 51 | 48 | 25 | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| Late February, 2004 | 53 | 46 | 26 | 19 | 1 | 1 |
| June, 2002 | 43 | 56 | 30 | 23 | 3 | 1 |
| January, 2001 | 43 | 56 | 33 | 21 | 2 | 1 |
| Late September, 1999 | 42 | 58 | 33 | 23 | 2 | \* |
| August, 1999 | 39 | 60 | 38 | 19 | 3 | 1 |
| Early September, 1998 | 43 | 57 | 36 | 20 | 1 | \* |
| November 1997 | 41 | 59 | *33* | *24* | *2* | \* |
| May, 1997 | 46 | 54 | 34 | 18 | 2 | \* |
| June, 1996 | 44 | 56 | 34 | 20 | 2 | \* |
| February, 1995 | 41 | 58 | 35 | 20 | 3 | 1 |
| July, 1994 | 40 | 60 | 34 | 24 | 2 | \* |
| March, 1994 | 44 | 56 | 33 | 20 | 3 | \* |
| *U.S.News:* October, 1992 | 36 | 63 | 35 | 36 | 5 | 1 |
| *U.S.News:* August, 1992 | 33 | 66 | 36 | 25 | 5 | 1 |
| *U.S.News:* May, 1992 | 34 | 65 | 34 | 28 | 3 | 1 |
| *U.S.News:* January, 1992 | 39 | 61 | 34 | 22 | 5 | \* |

**ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED OR DK/REF (E.3=3,9):**

Q.75 Do you now have enough income to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

**ASK IF NO [Q.75=2]:**

Q.76 Do you think you will have enough income in the future to lead the kind of life you want, or not?

**BASED ON THOSE WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED OR DK/REF [N=677]:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No (NET) | *Yes, will in future* | *No, will not in future* | ***(VOL.)***  *DK/Ref* | **(VOL.)**  DK/Ref |
| Feb 14-23, 2014 | 38 | 61 | *24* | *35* | *2* | 1 |
| Apr 4-15, 2012 | 44 | 55 | *25* | *26* | *3* | 1 |
| Dec, 2011 (SDT) | 41 | 56 | 24 | 28 | 4 | 2 |
| Jan, 2010(SDT) | 42 | 57 | 31 | 22 | 4 | 1 |
| September, 2007 | 47 | 50 | 22 | 25 | 3 | 3 |
| November, 2006(SDT) | 48 | 49 | 20 | 23 | 6 | 3 |
| September, 2006 | 53 | 44 | 22 | 18 | 4 | 2 |
| January, 2006 | 45 | 52 | 19 | 29 | 4 | 3 |
| May, 2004 | 50 | 47 | 18 | 25 | 4 | 3 |
| Late February, 2004 | 48 | 50 | 21 | 23 | 6 | 2 |

**NO QUESTIONS 77-99**

**ASK ALL:**

On another subject,

RELIG What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**[INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.” BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH: And would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]**

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Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian,

36 Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)

20 Roman Catholic (Catholic)

2 Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)

1 Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)

2 Jewish (Judaism)

1 Muslim (Islam)

1 Buddhist

1 Hindu

3 Atheist (do not believe in God)

4 Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)

2 Something else

14 Nothing in particular

12 Christian **(VOL.)**

\* Unitarian (Universalist) **(VOL.)**

1 Don't Know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

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11 More than once a week

22 Once a week

16 Once or twice a month

21 A few times a year

16 Seldom

13 Never

1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.100 Over the past twelve months, would you say you have been **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** **[RANDOMIZE:** more often than in recent years, less often**; AND** less often than in recent years, more often**]**, or has this not changed very much? And over the past twelve months, have you been **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]** **[READ IN SAME ORDER AS PREVIOUSLY:** “more often than in recent years, less often” **OR** “less often than in recent years, more often”**]**, or has this not changed very much?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

More often than Less often than Hasn’t changed **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

in recent years in recent years very much Do not do this DK/Ref

a. Going to confession

Feb 14-23, 2014 5 22 65 6 1

**Q.100 CONTINUED…**

More often than Less often than Hasn’t changed **(VOL.)** **(VOL.)**

in recent years in recent years very much Do not do this DK/Ref

b. Praying

Feb 14-23, 2014 40 8 51 0 1

c. Reading the Bible

or other religious materials

Feb 14-23, 2014 21 14 61 3 2

d. Volunteering in your

church or community

Feb 14-23, 2014 13 23 59 4 1

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.101 Over the past twelve months, would you say that you have become **[RANDOMIZE:** more excited about your Catholic faith, less excited about your Catholic faith], or has this not changed very much?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

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26 More excited about Catholic faith

11 Less excited about Catholic faith

63 Hasn’t changed very much

1 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**READ ALL:**

As you may know, Pope Francis was selected to lead the Catholic Church last March and has been Pope for nearly one year now…

**ASK ALL:**

Q.102 Do you think Pope Francis represents a major change in direction for the Catholic Church, or don’t you think so?**[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF RESPONDENT SAYS “DON’T KNOW” OR THAT THEY HAVE NO OPINION, RECORD AS “9” AND DO NOT PROBE FURTHER]**

**ASK IF “MAJOR CHANGE” (Q102=1):**

Q.102b And do you see this as **[READ; RANDOMIZE]**?

**BASED ON TOTAL [N=1,821]:**

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59 Yes, represents a major change in direction

55 Mainly a change for the better [OR]

3 Mainly a change for the worse

\* Neither **(VOL.)**

1Don’t know/Refused **(VOL.)**

21 No, don’t think so

20 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.103 How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job? How would you rate the job the pope is doing in **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY:** Is he doing an excellent, good, only fair, or a poor job?**]**

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

a. Spreading the Catholic faith

Feb 14-23, 2014 34 47 12 2 5

**Q.103 CONTINUED…**

Only **(VOL.)**

Excellent Good fair Poor DK/Ref

b. Addressing the sex abuse scandal in the

Catholic Church

Feb 14-23, 2014 18 36 24 15 8

c. Addressing the priest shortage

Feb 14-23, 2014 14 36 28 7 16

d. Reforming the Vatican bureaucracy

Feb 14-23, 2014 20 42 20 4 14

e. Standing up for traditional moral values

Feb 14-23, 2014 29 51 14 2 4

f. Addressing the needs and concerns of the poor

Feb 14-23, 2014 39 38 14 4 5

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.104 Do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE]**? And do you think the Catholic Church should or should not **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**?

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

**(VOL.)**

Should Should not DK/Ref

a. Allow priests to get married

Feb 14-23, 2014 72 26 3

Mar 13-17, 2013 64 30 6

b. Allow women to become priests

Feb 14-23, 2014 68 28 4

Mar 13-17, 2013 59 35 6

c. Allow Catholics to use birth control

Feb 14-23, 2014 77 17 6

Mar 13-17, 2013 76 18 7

d. Recognize the marriages of gay

and lesbian couples

Feb 14-23, 2014 50 43 7

**ASK IF CATHOLIC (RELIG=2):**

Q.105 Regardless of what you’d like to see, how likely do you think each of the following is to happen in the next 35 or 40 years, that is by the year 2050 **[PRONOUNCED: “twenty-fifty”]**. (First,) How likely do you think it is that **[INSERT IN SAME ORDER AS Q.104]**? Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in about the next 35 or 40 years? How about **[INSERT NEXT ITEM]**? **[READ AS NECESSARY:** Do you think this will definitely happen, will probably happen, will probably NOT happen, or will definitely not happen, in the next 35 or 40 years?]

**BASED ON CATHOLICS ONLY [N=351]:**

-----Will happen ----- ----- Will not happen ---- **(VOL.)**

*Def-* *Def-* DK/

Total *initely* *Probably* Total *initely* *Probably* Ref

a. The Catholic Church will allow priests

to marry

Feb 14-23, 2014 51 *8 43* 47 *13 35* 2

Mar 13-17, 2013[[10]](#footnote-10) 39 *7 32* 57 *18 39* 4

**Q.105a TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

-----Will happen ----- ----- Will not happen ---- **(VOL.)**

*Def-* *Def-* DK/

Total *initely* *Probably* Total *initely* *Probably* Ref

May, 1999[[11]](#footnote-11) 43 *6* *36* 54 *22* *33* 3

b. The Catholic Church will ordain women

as priests

Feb 14-23, 2014 42 *6 36* 56 *16 40* 3

Mar 13-17, 2013 37 *6 31* 60 *17 44* 3

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

May, 1999 45 *6* *39* 54 *15* *39* 1

c. The Catholic Church will change its position

on family planning to allow birth control

Feb 14-23, 2014 56 *10 46* 40 *8 32* 4

Mar 13-17, 2013 53 *8 46* 44 *10 34* 3

d. The Catholic Church will recognize the

marriages of gay and lesbian couples

Feb 14-23, 2014 36 *6 30* 63 *23 39* 1

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

**ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

No Other **(VOL.)** Lean Lean

Republican Democrat Independent preference party DK/Ref Rep Dem

Feb 14-23, 2014 22 32 39 4 1 2 14 17

Jan 15-19, 2014 21 31 41 3 1 2 18 16

Dec 3-8, 2013 24 34 37 3 \* 2 17 15

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 24 32 38 4 \* 2 16 14

Oct 9-13, 2013 25 32 37 3 1 3 16 18

Sep 4-8, 2013 26 32 38 3 1 1 17 15

Jul 17-21, 2013 19 29 46 3 \* 2 19 18

Jun 12-16, 2013 23 33 39 3 \* 2 17 15

May 1-5, 2013 25 32 37 2 1 3 14 16

Mar 13-17, 2013 26 33 34 3 1 3 14 15

Feb 13-18, 2013 22 32 41 2 \* 2 15 19

***Yearly Totals***

2013 23.9 32.1 38.3 2.9 .5 2.2 16.0 16.0

2012 24.7 32.6 36.4 3.1 .5 2.7 14.4 16.1

2011 24.3 32.3 37.4 3.1 .4 2.5 15.7 15.6

2010 25.2 32.7 35.2 3.6 .4 2.8 14.5 14.1

2009 23.9 34.4 35.1 3.4 .4 2.8 13.1 15.7

200825.7 36.0 31.5 3.6 .3 3.0 10.6 15.2

2007 25.3 32.9 34.1 4.3 .4 2.9 10.9 17.0

2006 27.8 33.1 30.9 4.4 .3 3.4 10.5 15.1

2005 29.3 32.8 30.2 4.5 .3 2.8 10.3 14.9

2004 30.0 33.5 29.5 3.8 .4 3.0 11.7 13.4

2003 30.3 31.5 30.5 4.8 .5 2.5 12.0 12.6

2002 30.4 31.4 29.8 5.0 .7 2.7 12.4 11.6

2001 29.0 33.2 29.5 5.2 .6 2.6 11.9 11.6

*2001 Post-Sept 11* *30.9 31.8 27.9 5.2 .6 3.6 11.7 9.4*

*2001 Pre-Sept 11 27.3 34.4 30.9 5.1 .6 1.7 12.1 13.5*

2000 28.0 33.4 29.1 5.5 .5 3.6 11.6 11.7

1999 26.6 33.5 33.7 3.9 .5 1.9 13.0 14.5

**PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.) (VOL.)**

No Other **(VOL.)** Lean Lean

Republican Democrat Independent preference party DK/Ref Rep Dem

1998 27.9 33.7 31.1 4.6 .4 2.3 11.6 13.1

1997 28.0 33.4 32.0 4.0 .4 2.3 12.2 14.1

1996 28.9 33.9 31.8 3.0 .4 2.0 12.1 14.9

1995 31.6 30.0 33.7 2.4 .6 1.3 15.1 13.5

1994 30.1 31.5 33.5 1.3 -- 3.6 13.7 12.2

1993 27.4 33.6 34.2 4.4 1.5 2.9 11.5 14.9

1992 27.6 33.7 34.7 1.5 0 2.5 12.6 16.5

1991 30.9 31.4 33.2 0 1.4 3.0 14.7 10.8

1990 30.9 33.2 29.3 1.2 1.9 3.4 12.4 11.3

1989 33 33 34 -- -- -- -- --

1987 26 35 39 -- -- -- -- --

**ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1):**

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don’t you have an opinion either way?

**BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS [N=689]:**

**(VOL.)** Not

No opinion Haven’t **(VOL.)** heard of/

Agree Disagree either way heard of Refused DK

Feb 14-23, 2014 36 9 54 1 1 --

Jan 15-19, 2014 35 12 52 1 \* --

Dec 3-8, 2013 32 9 57 1 1 --

Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013 40 9 48 2 1 --

Oct 9-13, 2013 41 11 45 2 1 --

Sep 4-8, 2013 35 9 54 1 1 --

Jul 17-21, 2013 37 10 50 2 1 --

Jun 12-16, 2013 44 9 46 1 2 --

May 23-26, 2013 41 7 48 1 3 --

May 1-5, 2013 28 8 61 2 1 --

Mar 13-17, 2013 43 7 47 1 1 --

Feb 13-18, 2013 36 9 52 1 3 --

Feb 14-17, 2013 43 9 45 1 2 --

Jan 9-13, 2013 35 10 51 2 2 --

Dec 5-9, 2012 37 11 51 1 \* --

Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012 *(RVs)* 40 8 49 1 2 --

Oct 4-7, 2012 38 9 50 1 3 --

Sep 12-16, 2013 39 7 52 1 1 --

Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012 40 9 47 2 1 --

Jun 7-17, 2012 42 8 48 1 1 --

May 9-Jun 3, 2012 36 9 53 1 2 --

Apr 4-15, 2012 42 8 48 1 1 --

Mar 7-11, 2012 38 10 49 2 1 --

Feb 8-12, 2012 40 7 51 1 1 --

Jan 11-16, 2012 42 8 47 1 1 --

Jan 4-8, 2012 37 8 52 1 1 --

Dec 7-11, 2011 40 9 48 2 1 --

Nov 9-14, 2011 41 9 49 \* 1 --

Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 37 11 51 1 1 --

Aug 17-21, 2011 43 7 49 \* 1 --

Jul 20-24, 2011 40 7 51 \* 1 --

Jun 15-19, 2011 42 9 47 1 1 --

May 25-30, 2011 37 7 52 1 3 --

Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 45 9 46 \* 1 --

Mar 8-14, 2011 37 7 54 1 \* --

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 41 9 48 1 1 --

**TEAPARTY3 CONTINUED…**

**(VOL.)** Not

No opinion Haven’t **(VOL.)** heard of/

Agree Disagree either way heard of Refused DK

Feb 2-7, 2011[[12]](#footnote-12) 43 8 47 1 1 --

Jan 5-9, 2011 45 6 47 1 1 --

Dec 1-5, 2010 48 5 45 1 1 --

Nov 4-7, 2010 51 5 42 1 1 --

Oct 27-30, 2010 *(RVs)* 58 5 27 -- 1 9

Oct 13-18, 2010 *(RVs)* 54 5 30 -- 1 10

Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010 *(RVs)* 56 6 29 -- \* 9

Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010 46 5 36 -- 1 13

Jun 16-20, 2010 46 5 30 -- \* 19

May 20-23, 2010 53 4 25 -- 1 16

Mar 11-21, 2010 48 4 26 -- 1 21

**NO QUESTIONS 106-108**

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=900]:**

Q.109F1 Thinking about your political views, would you say over the course of your life, your views have … **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

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39 Become more liberal [OR]

49 Become more conservative

7 Not changed **(VOL.)**

1More liberal on some issues, more conservative on others **(VOL.)**

4 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=921]:**

Q.110F2 Thinking about your views on social issues, would you say over the course of your life, your views have … **[READ AND RANDOMIZE]**

Feb 14-23

2014

42 Become more liberal [OR]

49 Become more conservative

5 Not changed **(VOL.)**

1More liberal on some issues, more conservative on others **(VOL.)**

3 Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**

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| **Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:** | |
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| (U) | Pew Research Center/USA Today polls |
| (WP) | Pew Research Center/Washington Post polls |
| (SDT) | Pew Research Social and Demographic Trends |
| (RPL) | Pew Research Religion and Public Life |

1. In March 2008, the question read “Has Barack Obama ever made you feel [INSERT ITEM] or not?” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Trends from October 2010 and before asked about “our society” instead of “American society.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In May 2013 and March 2013, question read “Which comes closer to your view about how to handle immigrants who are now living in the U.S. illegally?” and the second answer choice read “There should be a way for those who meet certain requirements to stay in the country legally.” [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In February 2001, September 1999 and September 1995, there were different intros to Q36F1 and Q37F2. The intro in 2001 read “Next I have some questions about the problem of drugs and drug abuse.” There was no intro language in 1999. The intro in 1995 read “Now, thinking about illegal drugs.” [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. In September 1999 and September 1995, respondents were asked both Q36F1 and Q37F2—half were asked to assess the problem ”across the country” first and half were asked about “in your neighborhood, including the local schools” first. The question ordering did not make a significant difference in the responses, so both sets of respondents are included here. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. In 2001, the question read “Some states are moving AWAY from the idea of mandatory prison sentences for non-violent

   drug offenders. Do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. In 1999 and earlier, the item read “A supporter of the gay rights movement.” [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. In 1999, the item read “A patriot.” [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. “Undesignated” respondents were not asked the Q.63 follow-up question. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. In March 2013, question asked whether this would happen in “the next 40 years.” [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. In May 1999 survey began, “Now I’m going to read you a list of things that may or may not happen in the next 50 years. Please tell me how likely you think it is that each will happen.” [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. In the February 2-7, 2011, survey and before, question read “…do you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree with the Tea Party movement…” In October 2010 and earlier, question was asked only of those who had heard or read a lot or a little about the Tea Party. In May 2010 through October 2010, it was described as: “the Tea Party movement that has been involved in campaigns and protests in the U.S. over the past year.” In March 2010 it was described as ”the Tea Party protests that have taken place in the U.S. over the past year.” [↑](#footnote-ref-12)